

# KINGSPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

## GOOD NEWS

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Music Minister:

Mark Stayton

Associate Pastor:

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Teresa Anderson

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Michael Smith

Dir. Christian Education:

Debbie Aldeen

Adult Fellowship:

Larry & Doris Gaw

Bookkeeper:

Debbie Aldeen

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Website Director:

Michael Smith



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### Pastor's Easter Message

As I write, Mark Stayton has been in the hospital with blood clots in his lungs and legs, but is home now and will have an extended recovery time. Since the cantata was scheduled for just 4 weeks away, we are cancelling it to give him more time to rest. Keep him and Jenny in your prayers. We will keep you informed through emails from the office. If you are not on our email "mailing" list please send us a request to include you to [info@kingsportchurch.org](mailto:info@kingsportchurch.org) or simply call the office and leave a message with your name and email address for us to include.

Our country has once again experienced a troubled young man enter a school to express his pain by killing 17 students and teachers and shooting 20 more. It took place in Parkland, FL. As the students of that school express and share their grief and fears and solutions, let's pray for them. The sad truth is that all around the nation we are aware of students' fearful of this happening to them. We parents and grandparents live in fear of that for them. As our nation searches for solutions let's pray for God to speak and for clear-headed thinking about solutions that will better prevent these things from happening. It is clear that we need more mental health resources to help students and others dealing with such destructive solutions to their pain. Sadly those public mental health programs have been cut 25% in this year's budget lessening resources for the 70,000 who are currently being served. We also need more reasonable gun control. Unfortunately, decision makers are limited to their thinking along partisan lines. Let's pray that they, and we, listen to God who surely is speaking solutions to our nation.

Easter is now just 5 weeks away - on April 1. Let's approach that holy day intentionally seeking God and spiritual growth for our church and each person. We can do that by reading the events leading up to the cross and resurrection. I even suggest you begin now reading through one or all 4 of the Gospels. Let's grow in the Lord as we ask God to search our souls to see if there is any sinful way in us that needs to be removed by His Grace.

*Pastor Ron*

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### TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

A Transition/Pastor Search Team has been formed to work alongside the Board of Elders on issues related to Pastor Ron's retirement, and the process of calling a new Pastor. The changes our church will go through this year will be the greatest that we have undergone in many years, and we ask for your prayers as we work to find the person that God would have us call as Pastor for KCC. The members of the Transition Team are Chris Anderson, Glenna Begley, Martin Carrico, Linda Carrico, Susan Cornelison, Jim Cornelison, Larry Gaw, Gilda Pafford and Michael Smith.

Our first hurdle has been to gain a good understanding of the steps in the process, the resources available to us, and potential stumbling blocks. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, our Tennessee State Pastor Bob O'Dell met with both the BOE and Transition Team to discuss these issues. The Transition Team session lasted almost two hours, and was extremely helpful. We have had meetings scheduled weekly during February, but plan to scale back to every other week for a while, beginning in March.

Calling a new Pastor is one of the most important decisions churches have to make, and it often takes a lot of time. It is fairly typical for a search to take a year or longer, and two years is not uncommon. Our goal is to make this search process as short as possible, but the complexity of it makes it unlikely that it will take less than 6 months. (Continued on page 2.)

## TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE, cont.

We hope to be ready to request resumes by the 1<sup>st</sup> to middle of April. There are some particular things that we ask you to pray for during March.

We are working on a profile of the most important qualities our new Pastor needs to help us reach our vision of being a truly multi-generational church

We are developing a church profile for the CHOG Ministry Connection website. This is important to help potential candidates understand who we are as a church

It will be very helpful in meeting the expenses of a Pastor Search, if we can maintain an effective ministry during the search without calling an interim pastor.

Please pray that we can find excellent preachers to fill our pulpit for Sunday morning services, and that we make good plans for maintaining our other ministries, such as the Oasis Café Bible studies on Wednesday and Sunday evening.

We will begin communicating more often with the congregation as the time for Pastor Ron's retirement approaches. However, if you have questions for concerns at any time, please contact me, or any other member of the team to discuss them. If you would like to visit one of our meetings, you are welcome.

If you know local preachers that you would like to suggest as good candidates to help preach on Sunday mornings during the pastor search, please let us know.

Thank you,  
*Jim Cornelison*



**3 Minute Car Wash Fundraiser (details in bulletin soon):** Just like last year, we're hoping to start this fundraiser soon! You'll be able to contribute to our Johns Island Mission Trip by simply washing your car at Ultimate Shine 3 Minute Car Wash locations. This is not set up yet but will be soon. Watch the bulletin for updates.

**Crave: Student Gathering (aka Sunday School) (Sundays @ 9:30-10:30 am):** Crave is our Sunday Morning gathering, ("Sunday School") where we spend time "catching" up with each other and hanging out with friends, with a light breakfast, music, and games in The Loft. We also preview the coming week's scripture and pray as a group before we head to worship.

**Sr. High/Jr. High Girls Bible Study Small Groups (Sunday Evenings 6-7 pm):** Every Sunday evening after Open Gym, at 6:00pm we have split groups for middle school and high school groups. We strive to equip students to be all God calls them to be through games, food, bible study, and, most importantly, building relationships with God and each other! Our groups take place at KCC in the Family Life Center and The Loft.

**Young Adult/College Small Group (Thursday Evenings 7-9 pm):** 18-30 and looking for a casual, relaxed bible study? On Thursday evenings we meet at the Smith House at 7:00pm where we hang out, have great food together and dig into God's Word. Other times of the year, we participate in the Johns Island Mission Trip and go on several fun adventures including hiking, local trips and more!

**Johns Island 2018 (June 9-16):** We'll be continuing our annual tradition of our Johns Island Mission trip this summer. Students from 7th grade through college are invited as well as any adults who would like to participate. We'll still be staying at Wesley Memorial UMC in Hollywood as usual. Dates are **June 9 - June 16**. More details to be released soon.

There are other events which come up month to month. See the Student Ministry Newsletter, which is mailed out, or stay up-to-date at our website: [kingsportstudents.org](http://kingsportstudents.org). If you have any questions, please contact me or Chelsey at [students@kingsportchurch.org](mailto:students@kingsportchurch.org)

*Michael*

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for your love and support during Joe's (Aldeen) sickness and passing.

Thank you for your calls, cards, texts, and asking about him and us during this time.

Thank you for the wonderful meal you had for us. It was great and very appreciated!

And, most of all, thank you for being the church family we needed during this time.

Joe loved his church and would tell people: "I have a church!"

*Mark & Debbie Aldeen*



EASTER  
EGGSTRAVAGANZA



**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Easter Egg Coloring Party**

**Wednesday, March 28, at 7 pm**

**Coloring kits will be provided, just bring as many hard-boiled eggs as you'd like to color and take home.**



Director of Children's Ministry

The joy of victory was surely felt at our Family Olympics on Saturday, February 24. Kids and adults competed for gold, silver and bronze medals and probably some bragging rights too.

A great crowd came out to the Family Life Center to take part in Winter Olympics-themed events such as bobsled, hockey, skiing and figure skating, as well as enjoy a delicious pizza party. Thanks to all who helped put together such a fun event and everyone who attended.

We'll spend the early part of March studying different stories from Jesus' life on earth then start our Easter celebration on Palm Sunday. The annual scripture egg hunt will take place immediately following morning worship service on Sunday, March 25.

Donations of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy are needed for this event. Donations may be placed in the box outside the sanctuary.

Our Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Coloring Party will be held in the Family Life Center kitchen at 7pm. on Wednesday, March 28. As usual, coloring kits will be provided, just bring as many hard-boiled eggs as you'd like to color and take home.

Our Easter celebration will continue on Easter Sunday, April 1. Join us as we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our wonderful savior.

See you Sunday!

*Teresa*

**COMMUNION & FOOT WASHING SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 28, at 7 pm



**LADIES' EVENING FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The ladies' dinner group will meet on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30 pm, at Five Guys, 1708 E Stone Dr. in Kingsport (across from Kmart).



If you would like to attend, please call the church office, or text Debbie Aldeen (423-956-1310). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All women in the church are invited to attend this get-together.



**"SISTERS OF THE HEART"**

"Sisters of the Heart," ladies' group will meet at 11:30 for lunch on Tuesday, March 13 at Lynn Garden Restaurant in Kingsport. All women in the church are invited to attend.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or call the church office to sign up.



**Adult Fellowship Fall Trip  
October 17-20, 2018**

We will visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

Trip includes:

- 3 nights stay at the Quality Inn & Suites in Florence, KY
- Admission to the Ark Encounter
- Admission to the Creation Museum
- Gas for the bus and van

For cost & more information, see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

*Larry & Doris Gaw*

**The annual Scripture Egg Hunt will take place immediately following morning worship service on Sunday, March 25.**



**MARCH CALENDAR**

**Friday, March 2**

World Day of Prayer

**Sunday, March 11**

Daylight Savings Time begins

**Monday, March 12**

**7:00 pm** - Board of Elders meeting

**Tuesday, March 13**

**11:30 am** - "Sisters of the Heart" lunch at

Lynn Garden Restaurant

**Tuesday, March 20**

**6:30 pm** - Ladies' dinner meeting at Five Guys

**Sunday, March 25**

**12:00 pm** - Scripture Egg Hunt

**Wednesday, March 28**

**7:00 pm** - Communion & Foot Washing Service;

Easter Eggstravaganza (egg coloring party)

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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday School	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Oasis Bible Study	
Wednesdays	11:30 am
Young Adult/College Small	
Group: Thursdays at home of	
Michael & Chelsey Smith	7:00 pm

Our Vision is "To Know Christ & To Make Him Known."



## ***THANK YOU, Church Family . . .***

Thank you so much for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration reception on February 18. Jenny and I really enjoyed the fellowship of our church family, the “noteable” decorations, and the delicious cake! We cannot believe that it has been 40 years since we arrived in Kingsport (January 18, 1978) with our young family: Brian age 6, Tania almost 3 and Deanna 1 month old. During that time we have grown to love each and every one of you as we have ministered to you through friendships, births, marriages, and deaths. We even raised a few of your children as our own through Jenny’s Family Home Day Care. You served as spiritual examples, teachers, mentors, friends and encouragers to our children who were fortunate to have lived most of their formative years in this congregation before they went off to college, moved away, got married and began raising their own families. We are blessed to have 6 amazing grandchildren. Our heart is in this congregation; you have made it possible for us to call this place “home” through your acceptance, love and continued support and encouragement. We cannot say it enough: thank you for all your kind words bestowed through card, money and gift certificates. We will be eating very well for the next few months! But most of all, for the hugs and love we felt. . . .that’s why we have enjoyed 40 years here at Kingsport Community Church.

*Mark & Jenny Stayton*